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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Morning Meeting of 25 February 1969

DD/I noted that the Director's briefing materials are near completion for tomorrow's appearance before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. The Director expressed his hope that [] can review the material.

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DD/I reported receipt of a request from General Abe Lincoln to receive the [] CIB on a daily basis. The Director concurred and commented that we should bring the General "up to speed."

Godfrey noted receipt of a number of reports from Saigon suggesting that there is apt to be a continuation of the VC/NVN offensive.

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D/ONE reported that NIE 13-8-69, Communist China's Strategic Weapons Program, is ready for Thursday's USIB meeting and that SNIE 30-69, Some Implications of a Search for an Arab-Israeli Settlement, can be placed on Thursday's USIB agenda if the Director so desires. After some discussion the Director asked that SNIE 30-69 be placed on the agenda.

Carver noted that, in response to Bill Bundy's request, SAVA provided an informal wrap-up on Vietnam. This memorandum is being transmitted to Secretary Rogers in Europe.

Carver reported that Bill Bundy is having a meeting today on various U. S. reaction options to the situation in Vietnam.

Maury noted that he "struck out" with Senator Ervin yesterday and suggested that efforts now be undertaken in the Executive Branch.

The Director noted that Senators Jackson and McClellan will be at Headquarters on Saturday, thus providing a good opportunity to press our position on the Ervin bill.

*The Director noted that in the past several senators on the Judiciary Committee have been critical of the caliber of persons on the Federal payroll and asked Houston to prepare a legislative history of what they have said on these matters in the past. The Director noted that Maury should now call on Senator Eastland and convey to him the difficulties we are encountering in obtaining Congressional understanding.

Maury queried the Director on the timing and scope of Saturday's scheduled briefing of Senators Jackson and McClellan. The Director suggested that the briefing commence at 10 a.m. or 11 a.m. and that we utilize this opportunity to give a full briefing on Agency organization and programs. Maury will consult Senator Jackson on the timing and scope of the briefing.

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The Director asked Carver who decides the distribution of cables from General Abrams to General Wheeler. Carver noted that the Signal Center makes these decisions.

The Director asked D/ONE when we completed our last Estimate on Peru. D/ONE noted that his office prepared a long memorandum

three or four months ago and that a Peru Estimate is scheduled to be considered by USIB on 6 March. The Director asked that specific attention be given to Communist influence in Peru's "Kitchen Cabinet" and that the Estimate carefully recite and comment on all factors which have a bearing on the future complexion of the Peruvian scene.



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*Extracted and sent to action officer